



Happy New Year

Fire Threatens Down Town District

GRAYLING RESTAURANT AND GAMBLE STORE SUFFER DAMAGE

Fire broke out in the rear part of the second floor of the Barnett building Monday afternoon about 3:15 o'clock. For a time it looked as tho that part of the business section of Grayling might be wiped out. The conflagration was confined largely to the living quarters of Joseph Cinciala in the rear apartment of the second floor.

Mrs. Cinciala reported that she had heard crackling that sounded like electric wires. Whether the fire started from defective wiring or not has not been determined.

The roof of the rear end of the building was consumed, as was also a small portion of the roof of the Bates building, occupied by the Gamble store.

The fire spread so rapidly that Mrs. Cinciala and baby were forced to escape thru an upper floor window to the roof of the Kraus store. Other occupants of the upper floor were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth, both of whom were in Bay City at the time of the fire. The damage to the Roth furnishings was slight, being mostly from smoke and water.

However the Cinciala family saved nothing except the clothes they were wearing. Little Joan Cinciala was the first one to discover the fire, when she opened a door into the hallway and saw the flames and smoke. Some boys called into the kitchen of the restaurant that the upstairs was afire, and Mr. Cinciala frantically made several attempts to get up through the stairway fearing for the safety of his wife and two children, and had his hair singed in so doing. Finally he went to the rear of the building and Mrs. Cinciala tossed the tiny baby to him then little Joan was handed down to her daddy.

The greatest damage suffered was by the Grayling restaurant. Here everything was smoked and water damaged. The stock was hurriedly moved out, which is always damaging, resulting in

breakage, mars and the delay of business. Water was pouring down from the upper floor in torrents into the kitchen and other rear compartments.

Earl Burns, proprietor of the Gamble store kept his store locked until the danger of the building being burned became too threatening. At that stage much of the stock was moved out and stored in the family garage. Other portions were drenched by water and smoked. He however moved back in and was ready for business Tuesday afternoon.

Blanche Hull occupied the front rooms of the second floor of the Bates building. Water and smoke forced abandonment.

It is estimated that the damage done by the fire will run well over \$3,000. All were covered by insurance with exception of Mrs. Hull's.

The fire department again proved their efficiency. With little fanfare the men proceeded with the job of extinguishing the flames. With smoke pouring out thru all parts of the two buildings, the hope of saving them seemed futile. That the damage to the buildings was all confined to the rear ends and principally to the roofs is due to Grayling fire department. Lookers-on predicted the wiping out of that entire block of buildings. Those in the line of danger were the Kraus building on the corner and Legion restaurant. On the opposite side, adjoining the Bates building is the Kraus building in which is the Grayling 5c to 1.00 store.

Besides the City Fire department, many citizens lent a hand and worked heroically in removing contents from the burning buildings, and State Highway trucks under the supervision of Supt. A. J. Nelson hauled the goods away to shelter.

Mr. Cinciala reports that the Grayling Restaurant building is being temporarily put back in shape, and that they hope to reopen for business as soon as possible.

CCC Enrollment

Any boy between the ages of 17 and 23 inclusive, who is interested in enrolling into the CCC, please call at the Relief Office before the first of January.

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Background of Roger W. Babson

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Born in 1875, reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Mr. Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating in 1898, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities.

His exertions, however, undermined his health; he contracted tuberculosis and he was sent West "as good as dead." It was while he was convalescing from this dread malady that he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business statistics.

That was nearly thirty-five years ago. Today his weekly statistical and financial reports are read by thousands of business men and his research work is carried on by a large staff of workers.

Mr. Babson founded Babson Institute for men; and, in cooperation with Mrs. Babson, developed Webber College for women, both nationally-known educational institutions. Here young men and women may concentrate more in the fundamentals and less on the frills of business.

To millions of newspaper readers, Mr. Babson is best known by his familiar weekly stories on business which appear in more than 450 newspapers throughout North America. Of unbounded energy, Roger W. Babson has probably done more than any

Kiwanis Club Notes

The Kiwanians were hosts to their wives at the Tuesday noon luncheon at Shoppenagons Inn.

A musical program, under the direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert was presented, which was very much enjoyed by everyone.

Charles Moore presented Lieutenant Governor Emil Giegling a set of book ends with the Kiwanis emblem on them for his outstanding service as lieutenant governor of the 8th district.

The benefit party Monday evening at Hunter's Dairy was then discussed and it was found that a neat sum of \$50 was taken in for the needy children fund. With that amount and that taken in by Chas. Melichar and Holger Peterson the fund is now \$80.

Many Little Girls Made Happy

The Kiwanis Woman's Auxiliary passed out twenty-three as lovely dresses for young girls as anyone could imagine for Christmas.

Mrs. Charles Moore was chairman of the sewing and she was assisted by a group of the auxiliary ladies.

Mrs. Maurice Gorman, school nurse, assisted in passing out the dresses and other needy articles.

This is an annual objective of the auxiliary and many little girls are made happy at Christmas time.

Other men to bring statistics to life, to instill a broader vision in businessmen, and to publicize the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

Persia Exports in U. S. Rug exports from Iran (the official name of Persia) to the United States average \$3,000,000 a year.

Sunday School Gives Program

Monday evening the Michelson Memorial Sunday school children gave a Christmas program for their parents and friends at the church.

The program opened with Ronnie Larson welcoming the crowd, and a prayer by all. The primary department sang "All Year Through."

Recitations were given by the following: Sally Gross, Peggy Lou Schmidt, Doris Horn, Richard Atkinson, Marlene Sorenson, Robert Lutz, Phyllis Ziebell, David Hanson, Louise Lutz, Robert Horning, Dorothy Decker, Iris Annis, Terry Hilton, Joan Bond, Ruth Decker, Maxine Merrill, Sue Giegling, Warder Smith, Phyllis Milks, and Tommy Hilton.

Songs were sung by the third grade and first grade with Shirley Souders singing the solo part. The eighth grade girls presented the Christmas Story, Luke 2-8-20, after which the sixth and seventh grade boys sang Christmas carols.

The closing number on the program was the Old Fashioned Singing School given by the ninth grade, after which Santa made his visit and distributed presents and candy.

Hoffman-Peterson Troth Told

An engagement of interest to their friends is that of Jerrine Avis, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph C. Peterson, and Mr. William H. Hoffman of Alpena, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hoffman of this city.

No wedding date has been set.

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Grayling Still Gay

As we go to press we are only aware by the calendar that Christmas 1940 is over, for the gay festive spirit still abounds in our little city.

Family parties, and gatherings of friends were too numerous yesterday to mention them all, but we venture that the happiness was very nearly 100 percent around Grayling.

Nearly every street was illuminated with lights from the gay trimmed Christmas trees. Many clever and unusual yuletide decorations added to the festiveness of the holiday season.

Special services were held in

the Danish Lutheran, Michelson Memorial Church of Christ, Cal-Christians 1940 is over, for the gay festive spirit still abounds in our little city.

Parties filled the social calendar. Organizations, lodges and Sunday Schools contributed toys and food for needy families. Students home from various schools, relatives and friends are still greeting each other on the streets and in the homes.

Yes, we are in time with the spirit of every other city, village and hamlet throughout the U. S. A. Happy that we are still at peace and filled with the spirit of "Good Will Toward Men."

Skingley-Rokos Wedding Saturday

At a pretty ceremony Saturday afternoon Miss Marian Eileen Skingley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley and Mr. Ernest Rokos, son of Mrs. William Rokos of Traverse City, were united in marriage. Rev. Fr. James Moloney performed the ceremony at St. Mary's Rectory at three o'clock. The bride was lovely in a street length dress of goldenrod sheer wool crepe with a matching turban, and corsage of carnations and forget-me-nots.

Miss Evelyn Skingley, sister of the bride, was her attendant, and wore a street length dress of ice blue sheer wool crepe, with matching turban and corsage similar to the bride's. Joseph Peck of Traverse City acted as best man for Mr. Rokos. About 25 relatives of the couple were present at the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley gave a reception for relatives and friends at their home on the Au-Sable river that evening. Among the many wedding gifts presented the young couple was a lovely wedding cake from Mrs. Warren Vallad of Kalkaska.

Mrs. Rokos is a graduate of the Grayling schools with the class of 1939, and attended the Louis-Chapin Business school in Traverse City, where the young couple met, the groom also having been a student there.

The many friends of the bride extend congratulations and best wishes for a happy marriage.

They are at home at 313 Elmwood Ave., Traverse City.

"A CHILD IS BORN" SUNG IN CANTATA

The Cantata "A Child is Born" by Noel Benson, was beautifully sung by the choir of Michelson Memorial church, assisted by some of the best musical talent of the city together with violins played by Mrs. Emil Niederer, Miss Betty Parsons and Miss Billyann Clippert.

The cantata was given under the direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert with Mrs. T. P. Peterson accompanying at the organ. This impressive service of song telling the story of the Nativity, solos, duets, and chorus" by the entire choir, was one of the most beautiful of the many candlelight services given at this season of the year.

The processional and recession-al of the junior choir as they sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "Silent Night" were led by the little Misses Shirley Souders and Betsy Niederer.

For several years Michelson Memorial church has sponsored a musical of this type on the Sunday preceding Christmas and many Grayling folk look forward with great pleasure to its rendition.

Former County Resident Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Hans Christenson of Flint, were held from Michelson Memorial church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. H. W. Kuhlman officiating. Mrs. Christenson passed away at Hurley Hospital Sunday, Dec. 22nd following a three day illness of pneumonia. She was 77 years old.

On the evening previous to bringing the remains to Grayling a short prayer service was held at the Algoe, Gundry Funeral Home in Flint. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery beside the deceased's husband, who passed away in April, 1938. Grandsons were the pallbearers.

Caroline M. West was born in Faister, Denmark, Jan. 27, 1863, and at the age of 19 years she came to the United States and directly to Grayling. On July 25 1885 she was united in marriage to Hans Christenson, and after a four year residence here they moved to Beaver Creek, where they operated a very fine farm for many years. Seven sons were born to the Christensons all in Beaver Creek, and of them five survive. 17 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Christenson went to Flint to reside as their sons had all established homes there.

Mrs. Christenson was a very devoted mother, and good neighbor and friend. Her family are fine citizens and a credit to their parents. Mrs. Christenson was a member of Michelson Memorial church, a member for 36 years of the Gleaner organization, and a Gold Star mother, one of her sons having given his life in the service of his country during the World War.

Those who survive and have the sympathy of many Grayling and Beaver Creek friends in their sorrow are Axel W. Christen B., Carl R. Henry P. and Frederick T., and there are 14 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Senior Class To Entertain Alumni

The Senior Class of 1941 will be hosts to the Alumni of Grayling High School Saturday evening, Dec. 28th at the High School gymnasium from 9 until 11 a. m.

The Bandoliers will furnish music for dancing. The price is 35c per person and 50c per couple.

Sometime during the evening judges will choose Miss America for 1941.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 27, 1917

Miss Marie Lovely has returned from Lansing and expects to remain here for the present.

Word has been received last week of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bunnagard of Greenfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson left Sunday for Detroit to spend Christmas with the S. S. Knapp and Emma Hanson families.

Wayne Thompson, son of J. D. Thompson, has enlisted in the Michigan State guards, and is stationed in Detroit at present, doing guard duty.

Fire at the home of Ross Davis, Christmas morning, at about 10:30 o'clock practically wiped out the building. Most of the furnishings were removed. The building belonged to the George Bros. Estate.

Walter Shaw of Camp Custer was in the city visiting his wife and parents over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas of Saginaw arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with the latter's mother Mrs. John Fanning, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson entertained over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, Miss Bessie Smith and Lieutenant Bricker of Marquette.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeal are enjoying a visit from the former's mother Mrs. Aimira McNeal, of Lima, Ohio, who intends to remain for the winter.

Isaac Jendron, son of Mrs. Theodore Jendron of this city, was home on a short furlough to visit relatives and friends. He is a member of the Navy and stationed at the Norfolk, Virginia Navy yards.

News was received here last week of the death of Elmer Brott, which occurred at Loveland, Colorado, Saturday, Dec. 22. Mr. Brott went west about a year ago.

Buck Fever

From the Rev. H. W. Kuhlman, former pastor of Alpena's First Methodist Episcopal church, now the pastor at Grayling, Mich. comes this:

Gentlemen: Your hunters' prowess has gone through all the world. To offset some of your boasted reputation, however, we have the enclosed story. It is supposed to be a "true story," but to you, the initiated, it may look like buck fever.

Yours for a Happy New Year, REV. H. W. Kuhlman.

BUCK FEVER

He rushed out thru the forest with all the speed he knew, wild-eyed, with quivering lips he cried—

"Did—did anything come through?"

"I shot a buck smack in the head. Men tell me what to do—"

"See here the trail of blood he left."

"I filled him full of lead. I'm sure his back is broken. God knows that buck is dead!"

"His heart is torn to atoms. His liver's cut in two."

"Good hunters everywhere admit what guns like this will do."

"Five shots I fired right through his neck."

"Then down he hauled that flag. At least four legs are shot away."

"This buck is 'in the bag'! I say no wounded deer like that could ever get away."

"His blood is all spilled on the ground."

"It's down! Plumb down to stay! How come this deer cannot be found?"

"Explain to me such luck! I'm up to all your tricks you bums."

"Get out you boob and find your deer."

"You simple brained galoot, you chased a fawn for half a mile."

"'Twas it you tried to shoot!"

And now back home, his alibi He tells upon the streets, He means and whines and then explains.

To all the friends he meets— How fine he aimed, how true he shot.

Then wow! That horrid luck! He met those hard boiled guys up north.

Who "robbed" him of his buck!

Why They Jitterbug

Jitterbug dancing is nothing but an outlet of physical energy. In the opinion of Miss Ethel Bowers, field secretary of the National Recreational association. She said youth needs violent dancing, running and racing games as well as mental games, observation games and educational games.

Health & Hygiene

(Through the courtesy of The Detroit News, Children's Fund of Michigan and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation)

MITIGATING ANGINA

However unfamiliar with medical terms the average layman may be, it is significant that he has a fairly accurate idea of angina pectoris, its cause and its symptoms. This disease of the heart arteries, marked by paroxysmal pain in the chest is becoming increasingly common with the continued urbanization of the population, and most persons have the intimate knowledge of the condition either in their own family or in that of friends.

Angina pectoris is especially common among middle-aged persons who have long ago given up regular exercise, who are inclined to overeat, who are overweight, who are addicted to the use of tobacco and who allow themselves to become mentally and emotionally upset.

It is true that medication is beneficial when properly and promptly applied to susceptibles. Whether one is a potential victim of angina is determined by family history, by general condition as revealed by periodic physical examination and by early symptoms.

Medical men are led to conclude from recent research, however, that attacks of angina can be avoided or mitigated by other means than drugs. It was Dr. William Osler who long ago observed that "of the exciting causes of angina pectoris, these three are important elements: Unusual muscular exertion, mental emotion and digestive disturbance."

Sufferers note that pain in the chest is likely to increase after eating a hearty meal, particularly if the food is of a sort likely to produce flatulence or "gas on the stomach." This has been confirmed experimentally by the group of Chicago physicians who caused distension in the stomachs of dogs by introducing a quantity of air. The immediate effect was to constrict the arteries of the heart—a condition corresponding to angina in humans.

Management of angina is perhaps best accomplished by avoiding both physical and emotional stress, by taking numerous small meals of bland foods each of which is followed by a period of rest and by continuing under the care of a skilled physician.

The doctor, besides supervising weight reduction, should that prove advisable, and prescribing sedatives when indicated, may generally prevent an attack by treating the vagus, or pneumogastric nerve which originates in the floor of the fourth ventricle of the brain and sends its branches to the ear, pharynx, larynx, lungs, esophagus and stomach.

Press-tidigitations

WANTED—A place to show her wares by an antique lady with a Spanish chest and other odd things.

—Cold Springs (Ga.) Times.

Both girls riding in the machine which overturned were injured. Miss — was cut about the face and hands and Miss — in the back seat.

—Raymond (Wash.) Herald.

His face was a striking one, and even without his clothes people would have turned to look at him.

—London (Eng.) Times.

Alice — has been engaged as stewardess and social hostess aboard the S.S. Alexandria, which sails tomorrow. Before leaving port she will have her barnacles scraped.

—East Coast Shipping Record.

WANTED—A salesgirl; must be respectable till after Christmas.

—Belen (N.M.) News.

FOR SALE—A violin, by a young man in good condition, except for a loose peg in the head.

—Wabash (Minn.) Herald.

A full charge of shot struck Mr. — squarely in the back door of the henhouse.

—Peoria (Ill.) Star.

George — had charge of the entertainment during the past year. His birth-provoking antics were always the life of the party and he will be greatly missed.

—Willard (Ohio) Times.

The victim said that when he left the cafe with his two pretty companions he had \$80 on him besides several pockets full of loose change. But after being hit on the head he says he woke up without a dime.

—Painter (Okla.) Recorder.

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 - Capper's Farmer — 1 Yr.
 - National Livestock Producer — 1 Yr.
 - National Sportsman — 1 Yr.
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- Magazine Digest — 2.25
- McCall's Magazine — 2.25
- Modern Romance — 2.25
- National Sportsman — 2.00
- Nature Magazine — 3.55
- Open Road (Boys) — 2.25
- Parents' Magazine — 2.25
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- Science and Discovery — 2.25
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Law Strict On Illegal Highest Lakes Possession of Venison In Michigan

Several hunters returning empty handed save for a roast or steaks cut from bucks bagged by more fortunate hunting companions learned to their cost that the law on illegal possession of venison is strictly enforced.

Steaks from a fawn or doe look quite like those from a buck, and the minimum fine for possession of such game of which the identity or evidence of sex has been destroyed is \$50.

Hunters like William Price, 19, of Elsie, who wounded themselves through accidental discharge of their guns, learned that the law which bars from deer hunting for five years those who "wound or kill by shooting any human being" is broad enough to include them. Accidental discharge of Price's rifle took off part of his right big toe, while he was deer hunting south of Newberry.

To stay clear of game law violations after the season closes, hunters will eat up all their venison within 60 days of the close of the season, warned now that the conservation department will be granting no extensions.

Hunters wishing to mount the heads of their trophies or have deer hides tanned must apply to the conservation department for shipping permits. These tags must bear the hunter's license number. They are issued without cost.

FALLEN TREES INCREASE FOREST FIRE HAZARD

Increased forest fire hazard in 1941 as consequence of weather conditions of recent months which have littered forested areas with dead branches and flattened undergrowth is anticipated by the conservation department's forest fire fighting organization.

Heavy rains of summer months and the Armistice day windstorm combined to strip trees of deadwood over large sections of northern counties. Toppling of thousands of trees in the November windstorm will create slash hazards after felled timber is salvaged.

Last summer's rains, however, helped to hold the 1940 fire loss to a probable record low of 12,080 acres burned in 815 fires on the basis of reports covering 28 weeks of fire season.

road in Michigan, according to O. F. Poindexter of the conservation department's geology division.

Little Summit lake, 10 miles southeast of L'Anse, apparently establishes indisputable claim to distinction as the Michigan lake whose altitude is greatest as the result of a recent visit made to it by a field party of the state geological survey.

Reading of an aneroid barometer fixes the lake's altitude above sea level as 1,760 feet. Altitude of neighboring Big Summit lake is 20 feet less. Near the lakes lies the town of Summit, at the highest altitude reached by rail.

A Country Doctor Francis E. Townsend, the pension planner, was once a country doctor in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Modern Map Maker



Member of lake survey crew of institute for fisheries research, Michigan Department of Conservation, uses power augur to drill holes in ice of inland lake. Through these holes soundings of lake depths are made and samples of bottom materials obtained. This work accomplished during winter months, institute workers next summer will follow up with complete biological surveys of lake. The survey work completed, the department's fisheries division has necessary information to guide it in making lake more productive of fish. Two crews are to be busy during coming winter, aided in northern counties by CCC enrollees. Winter soundings are made accurately, economically.

SNAPSHOTS



Baby Chimp Meets Public at Bronx Park Zoo — New York City — Kuma, baby chimpanzee, rides a hobby horse at the zoo where he was displayed to the public for the first time.

U. S. Leads World In Music — Among the many distinguished musicians now performing for American audiences are Albert Spalding, ace violinist, and Andre Kostelanetz, famous conductor. The two are heard together on Coca-Cola's new radio program, "Music That Refreshes," which comes over CBS on Sunday afternoons, from 4:30 to 5 P.M.

It's good to be young, but what can be more wonderful than to be 5 years old on Christmas morning? says Carolyn Lee, the little girl star, who finds life complete with Santa Claus, a tree, and toys.

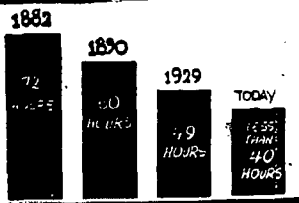


Holy Trinity Medal — Washington, D. C. — Bishop Corrigan, Rector of the Catholic University of America, blessing, on December 3, the first of thousands of Holy Trinity medals being nationally distributed by the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, Catholic home missionaries. The medal, depicting the symbol of the Trinity, was presented to the Bishop by the Rev. Thomas O'Keefe, M.S.S.T., of Silver Spring, Md., and the Rev. M. Andrew Lawrence, M.S.S.T., national director of the Holy Trinity Guilds of America.

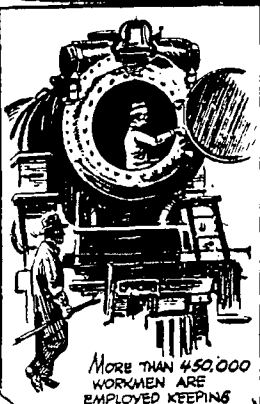
Univ. of Minnesota's claim to the 1940 national football championship may be disputed, but there's one title Minnesota's Alpha Chi Omega sorority sisters insist remains unchanged. To call attention to Minnesota as the No. 1 butter state they are presenting John Brand, president of Land O' Lakes Creameries, a football fashioned out of butter, symbolic of the state's dual leadership.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

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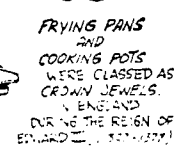
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They Like Hot Dogs

Hot dogs, waffles, apple pie a la mode and coffee "just like mother makes" are four of the reasons why Canadian soldiers flock to the canteen in British Columbia house, Regent street, London. The canteen is operated by the Y. M. C. A. and all the service is provided voluntarily by members of the Canadian Women's club.

Linen Dates to 1253

Linen was first manufactured in England by Flemish weavers in 1253.

Soaking Plumps Wrinkled Prunes

How to take the wrinkles out of a prune may be a secret to Michigan residents who favor Michigan fruit, but the process is not difficult. It merely involves soaking the fruit in water before eating.

Prunes are the fruit of a small tree which grows in many parts of the world. A few varieties are grown in Michigan, but the majority are imported from California and the Mediterranean.

Prunes are a good source of iron and calcium. They are also a good source of fiber. The fruit is often used in cooking, particularly in the form of a jam or a sauce. It is also used in the preparation of many different types of preserves.

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Stowaways, Beware!

When Angelo Vinic, Omaha high school student born in Italy, stowed away aboard a ship bound for his native land, he anticipated only the usual difficulties and penalties if caught. But he did not foresee his being drafted for Mussolini's army. How he felt about that was something to write home about. He wrote home plenty. If he could get a passport back, he could avoid the army draft. The American consul at Palermo, Italy, was finally authorized to issue one to him.

North Bound Buses Daily

4:33 a. m.
1:51 p. m.

South Bound Buses Daily

12:44 p. m.
9:22 p. m.

Ticket Office

Shoppenagons Inn
Phone 3561

BLUE GOOSE LINES

White Snow Detrimental to Fish

White snow, when it is deep, can make things "dark" for fish in Michigan's smaller and shallower lakes. Just how "dark" the conservation department's in-state for fisheries research is working to determine in a three season's study of winter fish-kill. A heavy snow blanket on lakes, the institute explains, effectively cuts off sunlight. Without sunlight, water plants which were consuming carbon dioxide, and producing oxygen suspend operation, but oxygen consumption by decaying vegetation continues. In shallow lakes the natural supply of oxygen in the water may be exhausted before the snow cover melts off, and for lack of oxygen, fish die of suffocation.

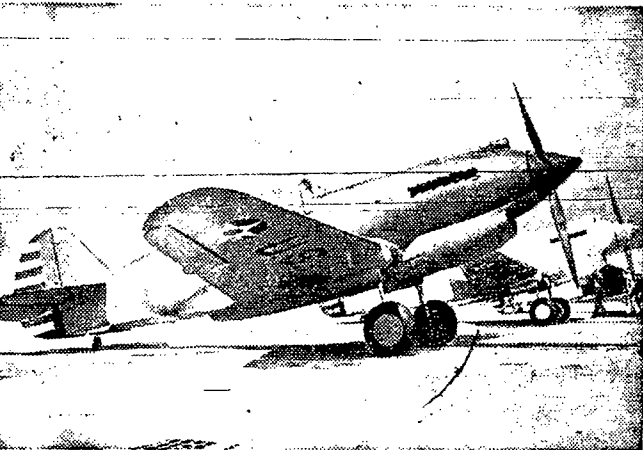
Sportsmen finding examples of winter kill are urged to report the location to the conservation department's fish division, or its study agency, the institute for fisheries research. While accumulation of suffocated fish at holes in the ice and along shore are sometimes so spectacular as to give rise to rumors of wholesale destruction, the losses are not often serious or significant.

Commanders of Four U. S. Air Districts



The four major generals in command of the four air districts into which the United States has been divided are shown here. Top, left, Maj. Gen. B. K. Yount, commanding general of the Southeast air corps district. Top, right, Maj. Gen. John F. Curry (N. W. district); bottom, left, Maj. Gen. James Chaney (N. E. district); bottom, right, Maj. Gen. Jacob Fickel (S. W. district).

U. S. Releases Planes to Greece



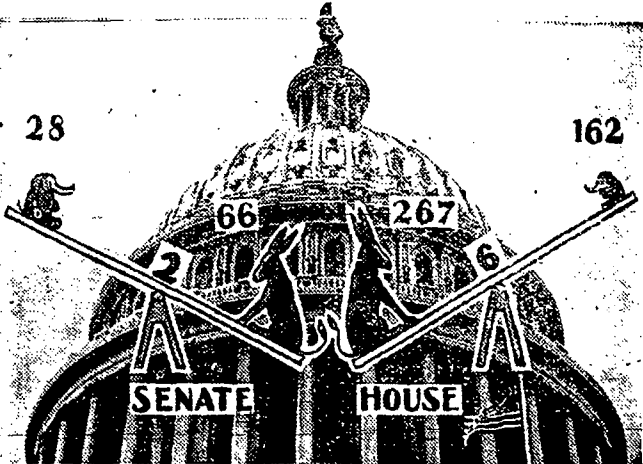
In swift execution of aiding the nations fighting aggression, the United States government has released to Greece 30 P-40 pursuit planes, pictured above, for immediate delivery. The planes, rated by air experts in America as possessing greater speed, maneuverability and stamina than Italy's best, mount four wing-contained machine guns each.

Football Classics That Hail the New Year!



The principal grid battles which will be fought throughout the nation on January 1, New Year's day, are shown in the center panel. As in other years, capacity crowds are expected to witness these football classics in the great stadia, four of which are here shown. A festival, typical of the region, will precede the game at each of these focal points to which the eyes of the nation's football fans will soon turn.

77th Congress Convenes



As a result of the November 5 election, the new senate which convenes January 3, will be composed of 66 Democrats, 28 Republicans, 1 Progressive, and 1 Independent, against 68 Democrats and 25 Republicans since November 5. The new house will have 267 Democrats, 162 Republicans and 6 others, against 260 Democrats, 167 Republicans, 4 others and 4 vacancies since November 5.

Want Ads For Quick Results

Lightning Victim
The Revolutionary war statesman, James Ous (1725-1783), was killed by a stroke of lightning.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made on payment of a certain mortgage executed by Sarah Buck to Lillie Buck dated May 1 1930 and recorded in the Register of Deed's office of Crawford county, Michigan on June 17, 1930 in Liber G of Mortgages on page 222, and assigned to Walter Buck on April 25, 1939 and recorded in said Register of Deed's office on November 12, 1940 in Liber L of Mortgages on page 443. On which mortgage there is now due for principal, interest and taxes the sum of \$484.74 and attorney fees, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt now due on said mortgage or any part thereof. Therefore the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises hereinafter described by reason of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, which sale will be at public auction at the front door of the Courthouse in the city of Grayling, Crawford county, Michigan (that being the place where the Circuit court for said county is held) on March 6, 1941, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, which premises described in said mortgage are:

A piece of land contained within and bounded by a line commencing at a point ninety-eight feet north of the intersection of the northerly boundary line of Alger Street, with the east boundary line of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section seven, Town twenty-six, North, range three west, running thence west seventy feet, thence north about one hundred seventy-six feet to the southerly edge of the Aubie River, thence easterly along the southerly edge of said river to the west line of highway along the east side of said northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section seven, thence south along said west line of said highway about one hundred seventy-six feet to the place of beginning, being a part of section seven, town twenty-six north, range three west, City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan.

Dated December 12, 1940.
Walter Buck,
Assignee of Mortgage.
Merle F. Nellist
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Grayling, Michigan. 12-12-13

STATE OF MICHIGAN

(Don L. Lepley Estate)

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the city of Grayling in said county, on the 7th day of December A. D. 1940.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Don L. Lepley, deceased.

Keith D. Lepley having filed in said court his petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, That two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, That the 24th day of February, 1941, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

Charles E. Moore,
Judge of Probate.

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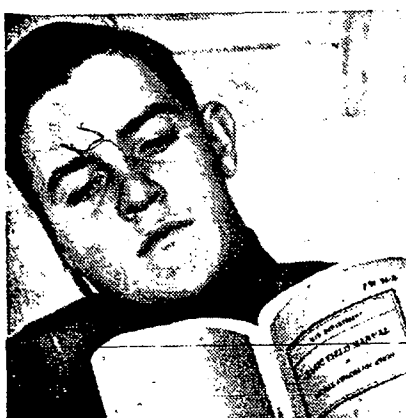
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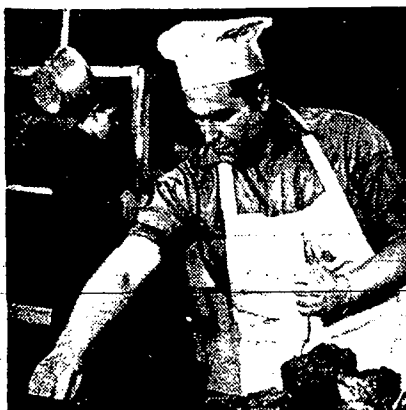
8 to 11:30 A. M. 1 to 3 P. M.
Margrethe L. Nielsen,
Cashier.

America's Young Men Find a New Kind of Life in the Army



THOUSANDS of young men, volunteers and draftees alike, are today swelling the ranks of the U.S. Army as the nation's gigantic defense program moves rapidly forward. And in the Army, America's young men are finding an entirely new kind of life, different from any they have previously known. Regardless of his background in civilian life, the young recruit shares his tent or

barracks with five or more other men whom he has never seen before, learning the theory of soldiering and the reality of the comradeship of men in arms. Most important single individual to the young recruit is his drill sergeant, who supervises practically all of his activities, is sometimes severe but always a teacher.



THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS of the Army maintains 12 schools for bakers and cooks where a four-month course is given to train mess officers. Keeping up to the American standard of food consumption, the U.S. Army makes liberal allowance for an unflinching supply of healthful food. No scrimping is encouraged, and today's soldier finds that his daily fare is varied and substantial.

The Quartermaster Corps buys food in large quantities and then distributes it to the various posts. Eggs, milk, vegetables and other fresh foods are bought in the area of each Army post. Average cost per day of feeding a soldier is about 42 cents, with variations depending upon local prices.



BASIC UNIT of every army is still the infantryman, and his rifle is still a powerful weapon. Not until he has mastered its use, with other fundamentals of combat, will he be taught the mysteries of the more complicated arms. The lessons that American Army men have learned from the wars in other lands are being put into practice today, the latest *March of Time* film, "Arms and the Men—U.S.A." reveals. The film, which shows how the young men in Uncle Sam's new citizen army live, what they are learning,

how they are being trained, and many other phases of the nation's defense program, points out that the U.S. has but recently begun to mobilize its army. Young Americans take an absorbing interest in everything mechanical, and today they are being taught the complex details of tanks and planes along with the new techniques of battle. In dress rehearsal, the film shows, every man plays again and again the part he may some day be called upon to take in deadly earnest.

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Have you wondered what the home you'd like to build would cost?

Why not inquire? We'll be glad to give you figures—and some very practical pointers on making your "dream home" come true.

CALL ON US TODAY FOR AN ESTIMATE

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Nancy Ann Reava celebrated her first birthday Sunday, and a few friends were invited in for dinner. Centering the table was a lovely three-tiered cake with one lighted candle on top of it.

The Grayling Firemen and their families had their annual Christmas party at the Grange hall Friday evening. Santa Claus made the crowd a visit and passed out gifts to each one. Lunch was served.

Mrs. William Hill was hostess to her bridge club Thursday evening and honor scores went to Mrs. Carl Siglin of Roscommon.

Mrs. G. E. Bentley of Lewiston and Mrs. F. J. McClain. Mrs. Bentley, mother of Mrs. George F. Seeley, was an out-of-town guest.

Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson were hosts at a family dinner party. The guests included Mrs. Ellen Failing, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood and children Ronald and Kathleen, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olson and little son, Miss Margaret Failing of Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Douglas of Saskatchewan, Can.

Esmond Stiles will spend Christmas with relatives in Lansing and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Leslie and son of Flint spent the holidays visiting their parents.

Carl E. Johnson and son Robert of Detroit spent Christmas at their cabin on the AuSable.

Daniel Jarman is spending the holiday season with his sister Mrs. C. E. Moore, in Bay City.

Frank Tetu and son Bob of West Branch visited the former's mother Mrs. Henry Bousson, Saturday.

Menno Corwin and Jack Papendick were in Bay City Monday and drove back two new 1941 Plymouths.

Robert Brown of Ann Arbor arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. Andrew Brown.

Miss Jean Brady is home from Detroit where she attends the Detroit Business University, for the holiday vacation.

Kermit Charron is home from C. S. T. C., Mt. Pleasant for the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Charron.

Ivan Rice, of the Avalanche force, left Friday night for his home in Mecedonia, Illinois, to be gone until next Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Kuhlman met Santa Claus at Saginaw while visiting their daughter's family there.

Miss Eunice Schrieber, who teaches at Muskegon, is home for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schrieber.

Carl Sherman returned to Flint last Friday after visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sherman for several days.

Mrs. Elery Waite and family have moved to Grayling from Roscommon and are living in the Holger Hanson house on Park street.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Frye have as guests the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Albers of Detroit, who came in time for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell left Sunday to spend the Yuletide with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Catlin, in Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley, son Robert and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rokos spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skingley in Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bentley returned to their home near Lewiston Sunday after visiting their daughter Mrs. George F. Seeley and family for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herbrison and son Robert spent Christmas with relatives of Mrs. Herbrison in Bay City. Robert is home for the holiday vacation from M.S.C.

Mrs. Peter Robertson, Clarence Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Robertson drove to Saginaw Tuesday and spent Christmas with the Arthur Anderson family.

Edwin Chalker of Western State Normal college, Kalamazoo, is spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Chalker.

Axel Peterson of Detroit came Saturday to accompany his mother Mrs. Andrew Peterson, to that city where she will spend the holidays with her children.

Fred Bishaw and Harry Sorenson are home after having been gone for several months cooking on boats of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, that sail the Great Lakes.

Little Sally Borchers, who is a patient at University Hospital, where she is receiving medical treatment, was home over Christmas so to be here when Santa Claus visited her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fogel-songer (Azilda LaBrash) of Flint visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaBrash over the week end. The Fogel-songers operate a hardware store business on Saginaw street in Flint.

Wright and Dwight Merrill, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Merrill, arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas furlough from Camp Scottfield, Ill., with their parents. They will return Saturday. The family spent Christmas with Mr. Merrill's parents in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. David Montour and Miss Joan left Friday to spend Christmas at the Lipman Landsberg home in Inkster. Mrs. Ervin Sampsel and son Mickey who accompanied them plan to remain in Detroit indefinitely, where Mr. Sampsel is employed.

"George W. Mason" of Detroit and his sons Jack and George Jr., who are students at the Hill's School in Pottstown, Pa., are spending the holidays at their home on the river. They flew here Friday in Mr. Mason's plane, accompanied by Frank Michel-son, pilot.



Sincere Wishes For The Dawn Of A New Day

It is our sincere wish that out of the troubles of the past a new day will dawn for you and those you love. May it bring a fulfillment of your Hopes and Desires, a full measure of Health and Prosperity, and may your Cup of Happiness overflow.

We pledge ourselves and our resources to everything we can do to make these wishes come true. We cherish your friendship in both public and private life, realizing how invaluable it has been in our own happiness.

May the spirit of the season linger through every day of 1941, and may it increase for you in every way.

Grayling Mercantile Company

Personals

A. L. Roberts of Chicago spent Christmas with his family here.

The office of Martha A. Serr will be closed until January 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roberts are spending the holiday vacation at Onaway and Owosso.

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Stealy left Tuesday for Detroit to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cornell and little daughter Barbara Ann, are in Gaytown where they spent Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Russell are spending the Christmas vacation with Mr. Russell's family in Jackson.

Miss Mildred Hanson was hostess to the Just Us club at her home Monday evening at a Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorenson gave a Christmas party for their grandchildren at their home Sunday. A lovely lunch was served the little tots and each one received a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann are spending the Christmas holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Smith and little daughter Ann, at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson have their three daughters home for the Christmas vacation, Misses Virginia and Beatrice from Central State Teachers College, and Miss Jean from Bear Lake.

Thirty-seven members of the Feldhauser family met at the old homestead on the AuSable, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Feldhauser, for Christmas day. Sixty-pounds of fowl was cooked for the dinner with all the other good things that go with a Christmas dinner.

"Christmas Beer" is being served this week at Spike's Keg O' Nails. "This is the only place in the whole United States that is serving Christmas beer," Spike says. To prove it he filled a glass out of one spicket and another out of another spicket. One serving was red and the other was green. To taste them it was excellent beer, but regardless of the difference in color, both tasted the same. Leave it to Spike to think up new stunts.

John Henry Peterson was home from M. S. C. and spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holger F. Peterson, and had as his guest Domingus Celestino of Puerto Rico, who is also a student at Michigan State. John Henry had only one day at home as he will be attending an Alpha Phi Omega convention at Indianapolis on Dec. 28 and 29, and then leaves on a trip east as manager of the College basketball team, when they play Long Island University on the 2nd of January and Temple U at Philadelphia on the 6th.

The Weather

The nice weather during Christmas gave many an opportunity to travel by auto to spend the day with loved ones. The temperature has been around 28 to 36 every day this week with the sun shining brightly all day Tuesday. Christmas day at noon a drizzling rain began falling and by evening became heavier. This morning (Thursday) the mercury stood at 37 and the air was thick with fog.

APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the members of Grayling Fire department and State Highway department for the aid they gave at the time of the fire Monday. This is sincerely appreciated.

EARL BURNS,
Proprietor Gamble Store.

News Briefs

THURSDAY, DEC. 26, 1940

The Paul Massey family of Detroit have moved into the house formerly owned by Mrs. Rose Pond on Cedar street. Mr. Massey is proprietor of the Bowldrome.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Pearsall are the proud parents of a daughter born to them Friday, December 20, at their home in Roscommon. Mrs. Pearsall was formerly Helen Sorenson.

A couple of decorated Christmas candles from Ernie Hoessli, representative of the Standard Oil Company, were holiday reminders to customers by his firm at this Christmas time.

The family dinner guests for Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson included Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dawson and children Bobbie and Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dunham and Devere Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stephan entertained with a family party on Christmas. The families included Mr. and Mrs. George Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Borchers and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan of Sault Ste. Marie, as well as all the grandchildren.

Mrs. Thomas Cassidy and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trudgen were in Muskegon for Christmas. They were guests of Mrs. Cassidy's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hewitt and family. All of the Cassidy families made up the family party for Christmas day.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As the old year draws to a close we offer this sincere hope that the New Year will bring to you and yours a full measure of all the good things of life.

NORMAN E. BUTLER
Grayling Funeral Home
Phone 3331

NEW YEAR GREETINGS



Greetings To You

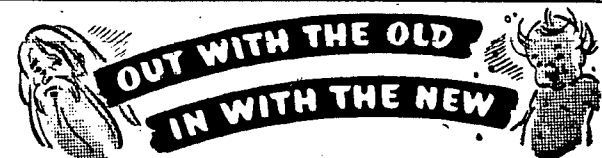
It is one of the pleasantest customs of the year to renew friendly associations by saying "Happy New Year." You may be sure we extend our greetings in all sincerity. May 1941 bring you Joy, Prosperity and Health is the wish of every person in this establishment.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ben Franklin Store

Frank Sales

Nellie Sales



Every Person In This Firm Extends Best Wishes

Because we value your friendship and know how it has contributed to our own business and prosperity in the past.

We welcome the New Year because we know it will bring new opportunities to be of service to you and to express through this service our appreciation.

We sincerely wish that you may find 1941 filled with good things, new horizons, new prosperity, new joy in living.

If at any time we can contribute to a fulfillment of those wishes we shall count it our greatest happiness.

HANSON CAFE

Washington Merry-Go-Round

Washington, D. C.

PARITY PAYMENTS

Farm legislation for the new congress is still chiefly in the "talk" stage, but one thing can be put down as definite: The parity payment program at best is due for a big slash.

In the new budget now being framed, parity payments are not entirely eliminated, but they are cut to the bone. Instead of the \$222,000,000 voted last spring, the figure under consideration is only \$50,000,000. And even this isn't certain.

It is entirely possible, under the policy of holding down all "normal" expenditures to the bone to provide more funds for defense, that the parity item may be eliminated entirely before the budget is finished.

Some congressional farm leaders are making no secret of their desire to supplant parity loans with a more financially sound plan. Chief among them is Rep. Hampton Fulmer of South Carolina, new chairman of the house agriculture committee, who is a strong advocate of the "income certificate plan."

This is a modified version of the old AAA processing tax under which processors would pay growers the difference between the market price and parity, in certificates purchased from the government.

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones wasn't exaggerating when he predicted that this would be the most prosperous Christmas in history.

Economists of the federal reserve board, commerce and labor departments estimate a Yuletide business season surpassing even the peak in 1929. According to their private figures, dollar sales will about equal 1929, but business volume will be considerably heavier (1940 price levels are nearly 20 per cent lower). That is, each dollar spent will buy about one-fifth more than it did in the last of the boom years.

This is the way the experts forecast the Christmas season:

Employment—Because of the vast defense program, employment will be greater this month than at any time since 1929, with more than 37,000,000 (excluding temporary Christmas employees) on private payrolls—an increase of 1,400,000 over December, 1939.

Payrolls—Manufacturing payrolls will be 12 per cent greater than last December. That means \$25,000,000 more a week will be paid in wages to industrial workers.

Retail trade—Sales generally will be from 8 to 10 per cent greater than 1939. Department store sales will be 5 per cent more than last Christmas, but still under record-breaking 1929. On the other hand, mail order and variety store sales will be the highest in history.

A very Merry Christmas, indeed.

WILLKIE AND NEW CHAIRMAN

There is a scattering of fire among Republican national committeemen when they heard that Wendell Willkie considers it his right to name the successor to National Chairman Joe Martin, who wants to quit in order to give all his time to bossing the house Republicans.

Willkie picked Martin, and now takes the position that he also is entitled to select Martin's successor. But to the hard-headed, political professionals, a candidate running for office and a defeated candidate are horses of entirely different colors. The first is a potential incumbent who may have patronage and favors to dispense, and therefore commands the right to call the tune. But a defeated standard-bearer is a has-been, and the boys are not interested in faded hopes.

So Willkie's claim to continued party leadership is meeting with very glacial response. When he told some of the national committeemen that they should name the man he wants, the boys tactfully, but pointedly, replied that the national committee is an elected body and alone has the power to fill a chairmanship vacancy.

MARTIN'S SUCCESSOR

Martin is very eager to shed himself of the chairmanship.

The undercover maneuvering for the strategic place already is hot. Tom Dewey, Governor Bricker of Ohio, Sen. Bob Taft, Senator Vandenberg and others, with 1944 in mind, each is determined that no one hostile to him shall get it. The situation calls for a neutral, or someone acceptable to a combination of the leaders.

Martin privately is afraid that it won't be possible to find either and that to avoid a battle-royal he will be stuck as national chairman for some time to come.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

William Reuther, young, red-haired executive of the United Auto Workers, has submitted a plan to defense authorities whereby, by using the entire auto industry as one plant, it would be possible within six months to produce an all-metal, single-motor pursuit plane at the rate of 500 a day. Under Reuther's sensational program the planes not only would incorporate all the latest developments of Britain's famous Spitfires but would cost only one-third their present price.

Frederic News

The school gave their Christmas tree and entertainment last Thursday night and it was well attended.

School closed last Friday for a two weeks vacation.

Bill Richards is home from a CCC camp for Christmas.

Mrs. Ray Hopkins, who has been quite sick for the past week, is much better.

Fred Virgil of Detroit is here to spend the winter with his brother, Frank Virgil.

Mrs. Sandy Harvey of Albia was calling on old friends here last Wednesday.

Mrs. Helen Clark left Friday for her home in Detroit and will be gone all winter.

Ernest Jorgensen of Pontiac came home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark McRoy and Clara J. left Tuesday morning for a week's visit in Tallin, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Udel Cox made a trip to Flint Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ridgway of St. Ignace are here for the holidays, visiting his father, Mr. T. Ridgway.

Mrs. Mabel Lewis and daughter Rose of Big Bay are here visiting Mrs. Lewis' brothers, Ace D. Long and Bill Long and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilbur of Grayling visited Saturday at the Lee Nelson home.

At the C. S. Barber home as guests are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dwyer of Baldwin, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen of Big Bay, Mich.

Mrs. Mabel Lewis and daughter Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long left Monday to visit Mr. Long's and Mrs. Lewis' mother, Mrs. Sanford in Columbiaville, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bigham spent Sunday with Mrs. Bigham's mother, Mrs. Maude Short.

Marlin Weaver of Buchanan, Mich., came up Saturday to visit at the Vern Wallace home. Miss Helen Wallace accompanied him back to Buchanan Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Wallace left Tuesday for a visit in Detroit with her son Earl Wallace, her daughter Mrs. Mabel Quick, her sister Mrs. Ray Brennan, all formerly from here. On her way home she will visit at her sister, Mrs. Ed Nichols, in Bay City.

Word was received by Mrs. Harry Horton that her daughter Mrs. Edward A. Pierce (nee Ethel Taylor) will sail Jan. 9th, 1941, from New York for Cristofal, Canal Zone, to join her husband who is stationed there. Mrs. Pierce expects to be gone three years.

The Sunshine Sisters gave a Christmas supper and tree to the community children. The tree was very pretty, well laden with candy, nuts and fruit. Each child received a present also. The children as well as the grownups enjoyed the entertainment very much. All reported St. Nick as a good entertainer.

Aiding British



Somewhere in England... Native Indians have flocked loyally to the banner of the British royal air force, lending their abilities to Britain in its fight for life against Germany. This Indian pilot is having a mug of hot coffee after a flight.

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Washington Notes And Comments

By Congressman Roy O. Woodruff Tenth Michigan District

In spite of constant criticism and warnings on the part of several members of the Congress, the National Defense program was allowed to lag until now the country is told by William Knowlton, of the National Defense Commission, that our defense is at least 30 per cent behind the program.

Refusing to appoint any responsible body, and insisting upon passing on all matters named, President Roosevelt, part of the time away from Washington, has waterbeds unknown to the members of Congress, has in part at least, been the bottleneck behind which the defense program has slumped up.

Whether or not it was so intended, nothing could have been more perfectly designed to produce a demand for mobilization and regimentation of business and industry than the bogging down of the defense program. There are those in Washington who believe, and not without reason, that the Administration was waiting for what at least appeared to be a public demand for the enactment by the Congress of the Industrial Mobilization Plan, which means the setting up in peacetime in this country of a complete military dictatorship. That demand for the adoption of the Mobilization Plan has come. It arose from so many different sources so suddenly as to bear a close resemblance to a preconceived propaganda program.

It is imperative that the American people know some of the things that are proposed in this Mobilization Plan as revised by the Roosevelt Administration in 1936 and 1939.

Title II of the 1936 Mobilization Plan, which would become effective with the adoption of the Plan, is known as the "Industrial Management Act." It in part reads as follows:

Title II. "The President is hereby authorized, when in his opinion the successful prosecution of war so requires or renders advisable, to require, under such rules and regulations as he may establish, the registration of all or any class of persons engaged in the management or control of any technical, industrial, or manufacturing plant or establishment of any kind whatsoever, whatever the form of ownership thereof, corporate or otherwise, or who have been engaged in such capacity within six months prior to any declaration of war."

"Status of Registrants"

"Whenever the President shall, in his discretion, deem any technical, industrial, or manufacturing plant or establishment or any group thereof comprising an industry to be essential to the maintenance of the military establishment, or the effective operation of the military forces, or the maintenance of the national interest during the emergency, he may proclaim such plant, establishment, or industry so to be. Thereupon any person registered pursuant to the provisions of this title shall, if within a classification promulgated by the President in his said proclamation, be brought into service of the Government for the duration of the war and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the War Department. The Secretary of War is authorized and directed to provide such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the government of such persons so brought into the service of the Government. "The Secretary may at any time, if he deem the public interest in successful prosecution of war so to require, remove such person from such industrial position and assign him to any service within the jurisdiction of the said War Department. Upon such removal the vacancy so created shall be filled in the normal manner by the officers or managers of the plant or establishment affected, but the person chosen as such replacement shall immediately be subject to the provisions of this title."

"No person brought into the service of the Government pursuant to the provisions of this title shall at any time receive any salary, gift, compensation, or other emolument whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, for services rendered during war time from any plant or establishment for or in which such person shall render services during time of war. Such person shall receive for services rendered during time of war only such compensation and allowances as shall be fixed and paid by the President. If any such person does receive any salary or compensation from any other source for services rendered during war time he shall be dishonorable discharged from the service of the War Department and shall in addition thereto be guilty of a felony and shall be punishable by a fine not ex-

ceeding \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

This means that the President would have power to impress into the military service any head of any industry, a business, a farm, a dairy, a machine shop—his power of impressment would be practically unlimited.

Title III of the proposed Mobilization Plan, entitled, "War Resources Control," is another provision that will show the unlimited power which will be vested in this proposed military dictatorship.

This title gives the President very broad powers to control all of the resources of the Nation by price fixing, licensing, rationing, requisitioning, priorities, and other measures for directing and adjusting the industrial war effort. It reads as follows:

"The President by this title is granted discretionary wartime power and authority as follows: To fix prices to regulate commodity exchanges; to establish a system of priorities or rationing in favor of users most vitally linked with the prosecution of the war; to provide a system of licenses for organizations or persons engaged in manufacturing, mercantile, or public service industries; to regulate the sale, use, transportation, manufacture, or distribution of any product; to requisition any product and to sell or otherwise dispose of such products; to enforce regulations against waste, hoarding, speculation, and profiteering; to commandeer any manufacturing plant or other establishment."

The President is also authorized in this title to establish as many agencies as he deems necessary to execute the functions of control over war resources. The appointment of administrators to exercise the powers granted is also authorized. The President could regroup, redistribute, or assign the duties and functions of the procurement of war supplies for the military and naval establishments.

Any Mobilization Plan which may be enacted by the Congress will undoubtedly include the provision of the 1939 Plan which provides that the act shall remain in force until in the judgment of the President the period of "readjustment" shall have passed. This means, of course, that we will have a dictatorship saddled upon us until such time as the dictator himself willingly surrenders this power. When, in modern history, has any dictator done this?

Do the American people want such a military dictatorship set up over them in peacetime?

Church News

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Services
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—English Service.
Thursday, December 26
7:30 P. M.—Children's Christmas tree.

Friday, December 27
2:30 P. M.—Senior Ladies Aid at Mrs. Jesse Sales.
P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday Services
10:00 A. M.—Bible School.
11:00 A. M.—Public worship.
Public is invited.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Woodburn schoolhouse in Maple Forest)

Meetings
9:30 A. M.—Sunday Service.
11:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Service.
Everyone welcome.

Chas. H. Hodge, Pastor.

CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:16
The Blood Heb 9:22
That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13
Mission Station
216 Alger St.
Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

Sunday Services
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Young People 6:45 P. M.
Prayer 7:30 P. M.

Midweek Services
Tuesday—Prayer 7:30 P. M.
Thursday—Everybody's Bible Class 7:30 P. M.

You Are Welcome

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Shellenburger and State
"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Sunday Services
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Prayer 11:00 A. M.
Y. P. M. S. 7:00 P. M.
Prayer 7:30 P. M.

Mid-Week Services
Friday 7:30 P. M.
O. H. Lee, Pastor.

Earliest Easter
The earliest date on which Easter has fallen in over a century was March 22, 1818.

Thank You-America!

OVER A MILLION CHEVROLETS IN 1940

GENERAL MOTORS No. 1 CAR

THE NATION'S No. 1 CAR

...and now people in State after State all across the country are buying new Chevrolets for 1941 with even greater eagerness and even greater enthusiasm...because they are fully convinced that with these new products Chevrolet has widened still further its value leadership in the industry!

YOU SAY "FIRST BECAUSE IT'S FINEST!" Again CHEVROLET'S THE LEADER

ALFRED HANSON - Grayling

Notice

I will be at my home any evening and all day Saturday until 4 p. m. for the purpose of collecting township taxes.
Clarence Small, Treas.
Beaver Creek Twp.

"No Harsh Laxatives For Me"

ADLERIKA gives me proper action, is pleasant and easy. Used ADLERIKA past 10 years for "spells of constipation." (A.W.-Vt.) ADLERIKA usually clears bowels quickly and relieves gas pains. Get it TODAY. At your drug store.

Notice

1941 Dog Tax is now payable at the County Treasurer's office. Pay early and avoid the penalty. 50c male, and \$1.00 female.
Wm. Ferguson,
County Treasurer.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO DRIVE ON ICY WINTER HIGHWAYS?

Can You Answer These Quiz Questions?

1. Does it help to reduce air pressure in tires when travelling over icy surfaces?
2. When is an icy pavement most dangerous; when the air temperature is 2 degrees above freezing or when it is 2 degrees below freezing?
3. Are tires with good treads much better than smooth tires

on icy roads? On wet roads?

4. How do highway departments prevent sand or cinders, used in skidproofing, from blowing off the road or being brushed off by traffic?
5. Can a vehicle with tire chains negotiate icy curves at higher speeds than a vehicle without chains?
6. In what manner should brakes be applied when stopping on an icy surface?

Michigan, the National Safety Council and a group of co-operating agencies conducted an extensive investigation of the problems involved in winter driving. The correct answers to the foregoing questions are found among the interesting and valuable data developed. Substantial reductions in the heavy winter traffic toll can be made if every motorist who quizzes himself on these questions will also read and remember the answers given below.



Left: 3,000 individual tests were made during the investigation of winter driving hazards, some of them being conducted at night. Right: Treated abrasives were spread on the frozen lake surface and demonstrations made of their effectiveness in skidproofing. Photos courtesy National Safety Council

Answers to Highway Safety Quiz

1. The common practices of lowering tire pressure and increasing the load over rear wheels to increase traction on slippery surfaces are not recommended. The resulting increase in traction for gripping is slight, and this is more than offset by reduction of safe speed on curves.
2. Strange though it may seem, icy surfaces are more treacherous at 2 degrees above freezing than they are at 2 degrees below freezing. As temperatures go down, safety on icy surfaces goes up and the stopping distance on ice at 15 degrees is

actually 37% less than at 34 degrees.

3. On icy roads, condition of tires does not have much bearing on skidding. In the case of wet roads, however, cars with good treads are definitely better.

4. Practically all highway departments now treat skidproofing abrasives with calcium chloride. This material forms a thin coating around the sand or cinder particles which causes them to melt into the ice and anchor securely. Since calcium chloride is an anti-freeze, it also prevents storage piles of abrasives from freezing and makes spreading on icy roads easy even at sub-zero temperatures.

5. While the use of chains is

beneficial in stopping or accelerating on straight sections of icy highways, they do not provide control against rear-end skidding on curves. Chains should be regarded as providing an extra margin of safety at moderately slow speeds, but a margin that disappears if speeds are too fast.

6. In stopping on slippery roads, let the braking power of the engine in high gear slow the vehicle down to about 10-12 miles per hour, using the brakes lightly, if necessary; then disengage the clutch and apply brakes cautiously for the final stop. "Pumping" the brakes lightly off and on is much better than locking the brakes for maintaining control of direction.